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SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERIES TALKS NEAR RUPTURE?

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SUMMARY: AMID SIGNS THAT USSR ABOUT TO TURN DOWN "FINAL"
JAPANESE PROPOSAL, GOJ LEADERS HAVE APPEALED TO SOVIETS FOR
"POLITICAL" RESOLUTION TO THREE-MONTH-LONG FISHERIES/
TERRITORIAL SEA NEGOTIATION. END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO MEDIA, PM FUKUDA CABLED CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV AND
PREMIER KOSYGIN, AND FONMIN HATOYAMA CALLED IN AMBASSADOR
POLYANSKII MAY 16, TO URGE THEM TO BRING ABOUT SATISFACTORY
CONCLUSION TO THREE-MONTH LONG NEGOTIATIONS ON JAPANESE
ACCESS TO SOVIET 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE. IN BOTH CASES
MESSAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE SAME: RUPTURE OF
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HURT OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

2. JAPANESE LEADERS WERE REACTING TO REPORTS FROM
MOSCOW THAT SOVIETS SEEMED NEGATIVE ON "FINAL
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PROPOSAL" PRESENTED BY JAPANESE ON MAY 13, FOLLOWING
RUSSIAN REJECTION MAY 12 OF JAPANESE PROPOSAL RELATED
REFTEL. SOVIETS WERE TO HAVE GIVEN FORMAL REPLY TO
"FINAL PROPOSAL" MAY 16, BUT REQUESTED DELAY TO
10 A.M. MOSCOW TIME MAY 17. AGMIN SUZUKI IN MOSCOW,
AND OTHER LEADERS HERE, WERE REPORTED AS BELIEVING
CHANCES OF REACHING AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIANS WERE 50-50.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KOMAROVSKII, IN
CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 17, PUT CHANCES OF
AGREEMENT AT ONLY 20-80. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT JAPANESE
WERE IN POSITION FROM WHICH GRACEFUL WITHDRAWAL VERY
DIFFICULT, HE TERMED MOST RECENT PROPOSAL "UNREALISTIC,"
ADDING THAT SOVIET ROOM FOR MANEUVER VERY LIMITED.
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